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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services - Social Welfare Department - Allegation of corruption activities in recruitment of Hostel Welfare Officers in the District against Sri.A.V. Ramana Chary, formerly Deputy Director (SW), Ananthapuram District (Now Retired), - Suspension from services - Retired from services - Departmental Proceedings initiated - Charges framed - Inquiry conducted - Implementation of the Orders of Andhra Pradesh Hon'ble High Court in WP(AT) No.980/2021, dated:03.02.2023 - Further action dropped - Suspension period treated as on duty - Orders - Issued.

SOCIAL WELFARE (VIGILANCE) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.31 Dated:05.02.2024

Read the following:-

1. D.O.Letter No.25/CCO/2008, Dated:27.03.2008 of Collector & District Magistrate, Ananthapuram.
2. G.O.Rt.No.243, Social Welfare (SW.SER.II) Department, dated:31.03.2008.
3. G.O.Rt.No.112, Social Welfare (SW.SER.II) Department, dated:08.12.2009.
4. G.O.Rt.No.829, Social Welfare (SW.SER.II) Department, dated:08.12.2009.
5. A.P.A.T. O.A. No.2229 of 2017 filed by Sri A.V. Ramana Chary, formerly DD (SW), Ananthapuram.
6. G.O.Rt.No.310, Social Welfare (Vig) Department, dated:07.11.2022.
7. G.O.Rt.No.311, Social Welfare (Vig) Department, dated:07.11.2022.
8. Order of Hon'ble High Court, A.P. in W.P.(AT) No.980 of 2021 (O.A. No.2229 of 2017), dt.03.02.2023.
9. Inquiry Report submitted by the Additional Director (SW) /Inquiry Authority, dt.24.07.2023.

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ORDER:

In the D.O. letter 1st read above, the Collector & District Magistrate, Ananthapuram has reported on the alleged corrupt activities of Sri A.V. Ramana Chary, the then Deputy Director (SW), Ananthapuram in recruitment of Hostel Welfare Officers in the District by demanding bribe for an amount of Rs.2,00,000/- for issuing posting orders and requested to take necessary action.

2. In the G.O. 2nd read above orders issued placing Sri A.V. Ramana Chary, the then D.D. (SW), Ananthapuram District under suspension and has retired conditionally from the service on 30.06.2008 while he was under suspension. Sanction accorded for initiation of Disciplinary proceedings against Sri A.V. Ramana Chary, the then D.D. (SW), Ananthapuram District (now retired) in the G.O. 3rd read above and Articles of Charges were framed against him in the G.O. 4th read above. The Charged Officer has not submitted his Written Statement of Defence.

3. The Charged officer filed O.A.No.2229 of 2017 in the Andhra Pradesh Administrative Tribunal challenging the Articles of Charges issued against him and Government filed detailed Counter Affidavit in the said OA.

4. Sri G.V. Raghuram, Additional Director (SW), O/o the Director of Social Welfare was appointed as Inquiry Authority to conduct detailed enquiry into the charges framed against the Charged Officer in the G.O. 6th read above and Sri D.Madhusudhana Rao, Deputy Director (SW), Guntur was appointed as Presenting Officer in the G.O. 7th read above to present the case before the Inquiry Authority.

(P.T.O.)

5. In the meanwhile, the Hon'ble Andhra Pradesh High Court, in the Orders dt.03.02.2023 in WP(AT) No.980 of 2021 (OA No.2229/2017) filed by Sri A.V. Ramana Chary, formerly Deputy Director (SW), Ananthapuram District, has allowed the Writ Petition with the following direction;

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> 10. Following the decisions cited supra and also catena of judgments of Hon'ble Supreme Court and also this Court passed in similar circumstances, this Court inclined to allow the writ petition, while declaring the impugned charge memo dated 08.12.2002 issued by the respondents as illegal, arbitrary and same is hereby set aside. Further the respondents are directed to treat the period of suspension of the petitioner as on duty and release all consequential retirement benefits to the petitioner within a period of six (06) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

6. In the letter 9th read above, the Additional Director (SW)/Inquiry Authority has submitted the Inquiry Report in r/o the Charged Officer with a finding that the two (2) charges framed against the charged officer are held not proved.

7. Government, after careful examination of the orders of Hon'ble, Andhra Pradesh High Court passed in Writ Petition (AT) No.980 of 2021, dt.03.02.2023, have decided to drop further action against Sri A.V. Ramana Chary, former Deputy Director (SW), Ananthapuram District (Now Retired) and treat suspension period of individual as on duty. Accordingly, hereby drop further action against the charged officer and treat the period of suspension from 15.03.2008 to 30.06.2008 as on duty under Rules 54 (1) (b) of the Fundamental Rules.

8. The Director of Social Welfare, Andhra Pradesh, Tadepalli, Guntur District shall take further necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

K.HARSHAVARDHAN
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director of Social Welfare,
A.P., Tadepalli, Guntur District.
Sri A.V. Ramana Chary, formerly DD (SW),
Ananthapuram (Now Retired)
(through the Director of Social Welfare, A.P. Tadepalli)

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The P.S. to Hon'ble Minister (Social Welfare Department).
SF/SCs.

// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER